

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please make the following amendments to the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for determining and predicting performance of a communication device, comprising:

means for specifying a report period, said report period corresponding to a reporting period of interest;

means for specifying a plurality of summary periods, each said summary period corresponding to defining a different portion of said reporting period, and wherein each said summary period corresponds to a plurality of days of interest and to a portion of said days of interest, ~~and wherein said portion is less than a day and specified by the times of the day that are of interest;~~

means for processing a retrieved plurality of selected data parameters into a plurality of ~~actual per-summary-period performance parameters parameter groups, each group corresponding to actual performance of said communication device during each one of said summary periods, each performance parameter in the group corresponding to a performance category within the summary period and a plurality of trend parameters to predict future performance of said communication device;~~ and

means for presenting and displaying each of said plurality of performance parameters ~~parameter groups in association with the corresponding summary period for the group, and for presenting and displaying said plurality of trend parameters associated with said report period, in a trend report.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[1]] 42, further comprising a means for recommending a performance rating based upon said plurality of trend parameters.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein at least one of said plurality of data parameters is a burst statistic.
4. (Original) The system of claim 3, further comprising a means for specifying the number of said plurality of burst ranges.
5. (Original) The system of claim 3, further comprising a means for specifying said percentage range for each one of said plurality of burst ranges.
6. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein said processing means further comprises a burst range trending means which predicts future performance of said communication device relative to each said burst range.
7. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein at least one of said plurality of burst ranges is a total burst range corresponding to the total number of all bits transmitted during each of said plurality of summary periods.
8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[1]] 42, wherein said processing means determines said plurality of trend parameters using a statistical regression algorithm.
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8, wherein said processing means further ~~processes~~ processes said plurality of trend parameters to predict the time at which capacity of said communication device should be changed.

11. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 2, wherein said performance rating corresponds to a port speed of a port residing in said communications device, wherein said port speed corresponds to the rate at which data is transmitted through said port.

12. (Previously Presented) A system for determining and predicting performance of a communication device, comprising:

a data poller, wherein said data poller collects a plurality of data parameters from said communication device;

a database which stores said data parameters;

a user interface, wherein a user specifies a report period, said report period corresponding to a reporting period of interest, and said user specifies a plurality of summary periods, each said summary period ~~corresponding to defining~~ a different portion of said reporting period, and wherein each said summary period corresponds to a plurality of days of interest and to a portion of said days of interest, ~~and wherein said portion is less than a day and specified by the times of the day that are of interest;~~

a processor, wherein said processor retrieves a plurality of selected data parameters from said database such that said plurality of selected data parameters corresponds to said plurality of summary periods, and wherein said processor processes said plurality of selected data parameters into a plurality of actual per-summary-period performance parameters parameter groups which correspond to actual performance of said communication device during each one of said summary periods, each performance parameter in the group~~corresponding to a performance category within the summary period and wherein said processor trends said plurality of performance parameters into a plurality of trend parameters to predict future performance of said communication device;~~

a data presentation module, wherein said module presents each of said plurality of processed performance parameters parameter groups in association with the corresponding summary period, and said plurality of trend parameters in a trend report; and
a graphical user interface which displays said trend report.

13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[12]] 43, wherein said processor recommends a performance rating based upon said plurality of trend parameters.

14. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein at least one of said plurality of data parameters is a burst statistic.

15. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein a user specifies via said user interface the number of said plurality of burst ranges.

16. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein a user specifies via said user interface said percentage range for each said burst range.

17. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein said processor further trends each said burst range to predict future performance of said communication device relative to each said burst range.

18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein at least one of said burst ranges is a total burst range corresponding to the total number of all bits transmitted during each of said plurality of summary periods.

19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[12]] 43, wherein said processor generates said plurality of trend parameters using a statistical regression algorithm.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein said plurality of trend parameters predict the time at which capacity of said communication device should be generated.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13, wherein said performance rating corresponds to a port speed of a port residing in said communications device, wherein said port speed corresponds to the rate at which data is transmitted through said port.

23. (Previously Presented) A method for determining and predicting performance of a communication device, the method comprising the steps of:

collecting a plurality of data parameters from said communication device;

specifying a report period, said report period corresponding to a reporting period of interest
and a;

specifying a plurality of summary periods, each said summary period corresponding to defining a different portion of said reporting period, and wherein each said summary period corresponds to a plurality of days of interest and to a portion of said days of interest, and wherein said portion is less than a day and specified by the times of the day that are of interest;

processing said plurality of selected data parameters into a plurality of actual per-summary-period performance parameters parameter groups, each group corresponding to actual performance of said communication device during each one of said summary periods, each performance parameter in the group corresponding to a performance category within the summary period and processing said plurality of performance parameters into a plurality of trend parameters to predict future performance of said communication device; and

presenting each of said plurality of performance parameters in association with the corresponding summary period and said plurality of trend parameters in a trend report.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[23]] 44, further comprising the step of recommending a performance rating based upon said plurality of trend parameters.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein at least one of said plurality of data parameters is a burst statistic.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, further comprising a step of specifying said percentage range for each said burst range.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein said processing step further comprises a burst range trending step which predicts future performance of said communication device relative to each one of said plurality of burst ranges.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein at least one of said burst ranges is a total burst range corresponding to the total number of all bits transmitted during each of said plurality of summary periods.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[23]] 44, wherein said processing step determines said plurality of trend parameters using a statistical regression algorithm.

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein said processing step further includes the step of predicting the time at which capacity of said communication device should be changed.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said performance rating corresponds to a port speed of a port residing in said communications device, wherein said port speed corresponds to the rate at which data is transmitted through said port.

34. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having a program for determining and predicting performance of a communication device, the program comprising logic configured to perform the steps of:

receiving a specification of a report period from a user, said report period corresponding to a reporting period of interest;

receiving a specification for a plurality of summary periods, each said summary period corresponding to defining a different portion of said reporting period, and wherein each said summary period corresponds to a plurality of days at least one day of interest and to at least a portion of said days day of interest, and wherein said portion is less than a day and specified by the times of the day that are of interest;

retrieving a plurality of selected data parameters, said plurality of selected data parameters corresponding to said plurality of summary periods;

processing said plurality of selected data parameters into a plurality of actual per-summary-period performance parameters parameter groups, each group corresponding to actual performance of said communication device during each one of said summary periods, each performance parameter in the group corresponding to a performance category within the summary period; and

trending said plurality of performance parameters into a plurality of trend parameters to predict future performance of said communication device; and

presenting each of said plurality of performance parameters in association with the corresponding summary period and said plurality of trend parameters in a trend report.

35. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim [[34]] 45, further comprising logic configured to perform the step of recommending a performance based upon said plurality of trend parameters.

36. (Currently Amended) A method for determining and predicting performance of a communication device, the method comprising the steps of:

retrieving a plurality of selected data parameters from a communication device, such that said plurality of selected data parameters corresponds to a plurality of summary periods, each said summary period defining a different portion of said reporting period, and wherein each said summary period corresponds to a plurality of days at least one day of interest and to at least a portion of said days day of interest, ~~and wherein said portion is less than a day and selected by the times of the day that are of interest;~~

processing said plurality of selected data parameters into a plurality of per-summary-period performance parameters parameter groups, each group corresponding to actual performance of said communication device during each one of said summary periods;

trending said plurality of performance parameters parameter groups into a plurality of trend parameters to predict future performance of said communication device; and

recommending a performance configuration for said communication device based upon said trend parameters.

37. (Currently Amended) A system for determining and predicting performance of a communication device, comprising

a user interface, wherein a user specifies a report period, said report period corresponding to a reporting period of interest, and said user specifies a plurality of summary periods, each said summary period ~~corresponding to~~ defining of said reporting period, and wherein each said summary

period corresponds to a plurality of days at least one day of interest and to at least a portion of said days day of interest, and wherein said portion is less than a day and specified by the times of the day that are of interest; and

a processor, wherein said processor detects a plurality of selected data parameters from said communications device such that said plurality of selected data parameters corresponds to said plurality of summary periods, and wherein said processor processes said plurality of selected data parameters into a plurality of per-summary-period performance parameters parameter groups which correspond, each group corresponding to actual performance of said communication device during each one of said summary periods, and wherein said processor trends said plurality of performance parameters parameter groups into a plurality of trend parameters to predict future performance of said communication device, and wherein said processor recommends a performance configuration for said communication device based upon said plurality of trend parameters.

38. (Currently Amended) A system for determining and predicting performance of a communication device, comprising:

means for collecting a plurality of data parameters from said communication device;
means for storing said data parameters;
means for specifying a report period, said report period corresponding to a reporting period of interest;

means for specifying a plurality of summary periods, each said summary period corresponding to defining a different portion of said reporting period, and wherein each said summary period corresponds to a plurality of days at least one day of interest and to at least a portion of said days day of interest, and wherein said portion is less than a day and specified by the times of the day that are of interest;

means for retrieving a plurality of selected data parameters from said storing means, said plurality of selected data parameters corresponding to said plurality of summary periods;

means for processing said plurality of selected data parameters into a per-summary-period performance parameters parameter groups, each group corresponding to actual performance of said communication device during each one of said summary periods;

means for trending said plurality of performance parameters parameter groups into a plurality of trend parameters to predict future performance of said communication device;

means for recommending a performance configuration for said communication device based upon said plurality of trend parameters; and

means for presenting said plurality of processed performance parameters parameter groups and said plurality of trend parameters in a trend report; and

means for displaying said trend report.

39. (Previously Presented) A method for determining and predicting performance of a communication device, the method comprising the steps of:

collecting a plurality of data parameters from said communication device;

storing said data parameters;

specifying a report period, said report period corresponding to a reporting period of interest;

specifying a plurality of summary periods, each said summary period corresponding to defining a different portion of said reporting period, and wherein each said summary period corresponds to a plurality of days at least one day of interest and to at least a portion of said days day of interest, and wherein said portion is less than a day and specified by the times of the day that are of interest;

retrieving a plurality of selected data parameters from storage, said plurality of selected data parameters corresponding to said plurality of summary periods;

processing said plurality of selected data parameters into a plurality of per-summary-period performance parameters parameter groups, each group corresponding to actual performance of said communication device during each of said summary periods;

trending said plurality of performance parameters parameter groups into a plurality of trend parameters to predict future performance of said communication device;

recommending a performance configuration for said communication device based upon said plurality of trend parameters;

presenting said plurality of processed performance parameters parameter groups and said plurality of trend parameters in a trend report; and

displaying said trend report.

40. (Previously Presented) A transmitter, comprising:

a user interface, wherein a user specifies a report period, said report period corresponding to a reporting period of interest, and said user specifies a plurality of summary periods, each said summary period ~~corresponding to~~ defining a different portion of said reporting period, and wherein each said summary period corresponds to a plurality of days at least one day of interest and to at least a portion of said days day of interest, ~~and wherein said portion is less than a day and specified by the times of the day that are of interest~~; and

a processor, wherein said processor detects a plurality of selected data parameters from said communications device such that said plurality of selected data parameters corresponds to said plurality of summary periods, and wherein said processor processes said plurality of selected data parameters into a plurality of per-summary-period performance parameters parameter groups which

~~correspond~~, each group corresponding to actual performance of said communication device during each one of said summary periods, and wherein said processor trends said plurality of performance parameters parameter groups into a plurality of trend parameters to predict future performance of said communication device, and wherein said processor recommends a performance configuration for said communication device based upon said plurality of trend parameters; and

a data presentation module, wherein said module presents said plurality of processed parameters parameter groups and said plurality of trend parameters in a trend report.

41. (Previously Presented) A receiver, comprising:

a user interface, wherein a user specifies a report period, said report period corresponding to a reporting period of interest, and said user specifies a plurality of summary periods, each said summary period ~~corresponding to defining~~ a different portion of said reporting period, and wherein each said summary period corresponds to a plurality of days ~~at least one day~~ of interest and to ~~at least~~ a portion of said days ~~day~~ of interest, and wherein ~~said portion is less than a day and specified by the times of the day that are of interest~~; and

a processor, wherein said processor detects a plurality of selected data parameters from said communications device such that said plurality of selected data parameters corresponds to said plurality of summary periods, and wherein said processor processes said plurality of selected data parameters into a plurality of per-summary-period performance parameters parameter groups which ~~correspond~~, each group corresponding to actual performance of said communication device during each one of said summary periods, and wherein said processor trends said plurality of performance parameters parameter groups into a plurality of trend parameters to predict future performance of said communication device, and wherein said processor recommends a performance configuration for said communication device based upon said plurality of trend parameters; and

a data presentation module, wherein said module presents said plurality of processed parameters parameter groups and said plurality of trend parameters.

42. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the means for processing further processes the retrieved plurality of selected data parameters into a plurality of trend parameters to predict future performance of said communication device, and further comprising a means for presenting and displaying in a trend report said plurality of trend parameters associated with said report period.

43. (New) The system of claim 12, wherein the processor trends said plurality of performance parameter groups into a plurality of trend parameters to predict future performance of said communication device, and the data presentation module presents in a trend report said plurality of trend parameters associated with said report period.

44. (New) The method of claim 23, further comprising the steps of:
processing said performance parameter groups into a plurality of trend parameters to predict future performance of said communication device;
presenting in a trend report said plurality of trend parameters associated with said report period.

45. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 34, further comprising logic configured to perform the steps of:
trending said plurality of performance parameter groups into a plurality of trend parameters to predict future performance of said communication device; and
presenting in a trend report said plurality of trend parameters associated with said report period.